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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MY US

SUBJ: REPLACEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR KHIR JOHARI

1. A RELIABLE MFA SOURCE HAS INFORMED US CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THE TOP CANDIDATE TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR TO US AND UN PERMREP KHIR JOHARI IS TAN SRI ZAITON IBRAHIM BIN AHMAD SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE JUNE 1, 1971. OUR SOURCE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS STILL POSSIBLE THAT A POLITICAL CANDIDATE WILL BE NOMINATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER WHO HAS NOT MADE HIS FINAL DECISION.

2. COMMENT: ZAITON IS, OF COURSE, A TOP PROFESSIONAL. HIS DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE STRETCHES BACK TO 1955. INTELLIGENT AND PERCEPTIVE, BECAUSE OF HIS CIVIL SERVICE STATUS AND LACK OF POLITICAL POWER, HE COULD BE EXPECTED TO ADHERE CLOSELY TO THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT LINE.

3. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED HOLD THIS INFORMATION CLOSELY. UNDERHILL

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